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# Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief

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THE REPLY FILED 21 January 2009 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

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1. \(\times\) lae reply was hied after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as fitting a Notice of Appeal. I o avoid abandonment of this application, applicant trust timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affliad, ir, or other endone, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 4.1.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

a) The period for reply expires \_\_\_\_\_months from the mailing date of the final rejection.

b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b), ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filled is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.70(d).

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

## AMENDMENTS

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3. X The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because				
(a) ☑ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);				
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);				
(c) 🗌 They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for				
appeal: and/or				

(d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).
4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the

non-allowable claim(s).
7. ⊠ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ⊠ will not be entered, or b) □ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_.
Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) rejected: \_\_\_\_\_.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_

### AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. The affidavit or other evidence flied after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

9. In the affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will <u>not</u> be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome <u>all</u> rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

#### REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_\_

/Lewis A. Bullock Jr/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2193

The proposed amendments change the scope of the claims thus requiring further consideration/search.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL YAARY whose telephone number is (571)270-1249. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lewis Bullock can be reached on (571) 272-3759. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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